that will help serve the country's national development goals while promoting sustainable, equitable development on the local and regional levels".

(c) and (d) The need for basin wise planning for development and management of water resources is duly emphasized in the National Water Policy (NWP) which states that "water resources development and management will have to be planned for a hydrological unit such as drainage basin as a whole or for a sub-basin, multi-sectorally, taking into account surface and ground water for sustainable use incorporating quantity and quality aspects as well as environmental considerations. The NWP further states that "all individual developmental projects and proposals should be formulated and considered within the framework of such an overall plan keeping in view the existing agreements/awards for a basin or a sub-basin so that the best possible combination of options can selected and sustained."

Effect of change of climate on water

1231. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

whether Government has called for immediate action to make a realistic assessment of climate change on water resources;

if so, the details thereof;

whether his Ministry has taken any steps to evaluate the consequence of climate change in river flow or groundwater characteristic and also to identify adaptation strategies; and

if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government has constituted a Coordination Committee chaired by the Prime Minister called Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change to coordinate national action for assessment, adaptation and mitigation of climate change.

(c) and (d) Realising the need for proper assessment of the effect of climate change on water resources and flow characteristics, research on specific issues including impact assessment of climate change on water resources has been undertaken by Ministry of Water Resources through Central Water Commission, Brahmaputra Board and National Institute of Hydrology with active participation of reputed academic institutes.

Floods in North Bihar

t 1232. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action is being taken by Government in the direction of water management to stop the floods in North Bihar coming from the rivers of Nepal;

t Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.